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SUBJECT: KUWAIT SEEKS COMMERCIAL PURCHASE OF PATROL CRAFT

REF: KUWAIT 2012

1. NEA/ARP HAS BEEN CONTACTED BY KUWAITI EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON REGARDING MESSAGE FROM KUWAIT MOD WHICH INDICATES THAT KUWAIT IS ONCE AGAIN LOOKING FOR SMALL PATROL CRAFT. THIS FOLLOWS GOK DECISION TO SHELVE EARLIER PLANS TO BUY EUROPEAN PATROL CRAFT (REFTEL). JUDGING FROM LIST OF SPECIFICATIONS PROVIDED TO DEPARTMENT BY KUWAITI EMBASSY, IT APPEARS GOK IS NOW SEEKING LESS SOPHISTICATED AND LESS HEAVILY ARMED CRAFT.

2. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF SPECIFICATIONS FROM INFORMATION PROVIDED BY KUWAITI EMBASSY:

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--SPECIFICATIONS CALL FOR TWO "CORVETTE SIZE" VESSELS AND FOUR PATROL CRAFT.

--CORVETTES ARE TO BE APPROX. 65 METERS WITH 500 TO 700 TONS DISPLACEMENT, SPEED OF NOT LESS THAN 30 KNOTS, AND RANGE OF 4000 NAUTICAL MILES. ARMAMENTS ARE "TWO MEDIUM

CALIBER GUNS WITH LOCAL AND OPTICAL DIRECTOR CONTROL" FOR

EACH GUN. VESSELS TO HAVE LIGHT-WEIGHT SURVEILLANCE  
RADAR AND VARIOUS TYPES OF COMMUNICATION GEAR.

--PATROL CRAFT ARE TO BE APPROX 40 METERS WITH ABOUT 200  
TONS DISPLACEMENT AND RELATIVELY SHALLOW DRAFT. MAXIMUM  
SPEED TO BE NOT LESS THAN 40 KNOTS WITH 2000 MILE RANGE.  
ARMAMENTS ARE ONE MEDIUM AND ONE "SMALLER" CALIBER GUN.  
INCLUDES LIGHTWEIGHT SURVEILLANCE RADAR, COMMUNICATION  
EQUIPMENT, AND NAVIGATIONAL AIDS.

3. OTHER SPECIFICATIONS NOTE THAT ALL CRAFT SHOULD BE  
DESIGNED TO FUNCTION IN BOTH GULF AND INDIAN OCEAN.  
CORVETTE CRAFT WOULD HAVE TRAINING OF OFFICERS AND  
ISSUING RATINGS AS A PRIMARTY TASK.

4. CRAFT SHOULD BE CAPABLE OF COASTAL DEFENSE, POINT AIR  
DEFENSE, AND LIMITED SURFACE ACTION, ACCORDING TO MOD  
DOCUMENT.

5. DOCUMENT ALSO SAYS QUOTE (VESSELS) SHOULD HAVE THE  
FLEXIBILITY AND CAPABILITY TO BE FITTED WITH MORE SOPHIS-  
TICATED WEAPONS IN THE FUTURE END QUOTE.

6. ANY INFORMATION EMBASSY HAS AVAILABLE ON THIS REQUEST  
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AS WELL AS EMBASSY COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS WOULD BE  
APPRECIATED. VANCE

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